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LOSS OF THE R38

COMMANDER'S THRILLING STORY OF THE DISASTER.

"WHOLE THING IN FIVE SECONDS."

HEROIC WIRELESS OFFICER BURNED TO DEATH

LONDON, August 25.

Flight Lieut. Commander Wann, who commanded the R38, was seriously
burnt, but is progressing favourably. Interviewed in the in-
firmery he said: "The whole thing happened in five seconds. Nothing
happened till we were leaving Hull seawards en route to Palham. Then
there was suddenly a violent crack. I felt the foremost car from which I
was controlling the ship fall and rise again at a high angle. I pulled over
all the water ballast possible to right it. Then came a big explosion which
probably killed many of the crew. I jumped out of the car as it entered the
water. I was under the wreckage for fifteen minutes and I do not know
how I was rescued as I was unconscious when picked up.

The ship did her full power trial all right and when returning reduced
speed from 60 to 50 knots near Hull. Possibly several girders broke owing
to some structural weakness, but it is impossible to tell. I am not aware of
any fire before the explosion."

Other patients in the infirmary were too ill to speak.

A body believed to be that of the American Commander Maxfield was
picked up in the Humber to-day.

KING GRIEVED AND SHOCKED.

The King has sent a message to the Air Ministry stating that he is
grieved and shocked at the terrible disaster resulting in the loss of so many
valuable lives both American and British. He deeply sympathises with the
relatives.

A survivor named Bateman, present on board the R38 as representative
of the National Physical Laboratory, in the course of a thrilling story
of the accident, dwelt on the heroism of Flying Officer Wicks who was in
charge of the wireless and remained at his post sending messages until he
was burnt to death.

OUR FOREMOST AIRSHIP DESIGNER LOST.

Another one of the missing is Mr. Campbell, Superintendent of the
Royal Airship Works, who was to have accompanied the airship to the
United States. He was chief designer and superintendent of construction of
the R38. He was recognised as the foremost airship designer in the United
Kingdom.

The missing Major Pritchard, who crossed the Atlantic in R34, re-
presented the Air Ministry on board the R38.

The United States Navy has sent a message to the Air Ministry ex-
pressing deepest sympathy and hoping that early reports as regards the loss
life will prove exaggerated. The Air Ministry has replied gratefully
acknowledging American sympathy and deploring the sacrifice of so many
gallant Americans.

SEARCHING INQUIRY.

The Air Ministry is opening a searching inquiry immediately, possibly
beginning investigations to-day.

The list of those saved from the R38 is as follows:—

Flight Lieut. Commander Wann (injured).

Leading Aircraftman Davies (injured).

Corporal Potter (uninjured).

American Rigger Walker (uninjured).

Mr. Bateman, of the Physical Laboratory.

WRECKAGE CARRIED UPSTREAM.

A telegram from Hull states that large quantities of wreckage have
been carried up the Humber by the tide and it is expected that most of the
bodies will be recovered in the upper reaches.

Mr. Massey, leaving Euston for New Zealand, said that the R38 disaster
would throw the development of commercial airships back many years.
We wanted to prove by the trans-Atlantic flight of the R38 that the idea was
practicable.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT STILL OBSCURE.

LONDON, August 25.

Air Ministry officials were still quite in the dark to-day as regards the
cause of the disaster to the R38. One official expressed the opinion that
the speed of the trials had possibly led to a weakening of a girder thus
putting greater strain on other girders and causing a collapse of the
envelope, or that the breaking of the metal of any part not itself fatal might
have caused a spark which had set fire to the gases.

The R38 carried parachutes for each member of the crew.

Official of the American naval attaché's office said that they were not
in a position to make a statement on the disaster as the airship had not
been handed over to them. They were simply concerned with the disposal
of the bodies of the American victims.

AMERICA APPALLED.

NEW YORK, August 25.

The approaching Atlantic flight of the R38 had recently monopolised
public attention and was the principal feature in all the newspapers. The
news of the disaster descended like a thunderbolt and left the people
appalled. The morning's papers were filled with descriptions of the
disaster and photographs and sketches of the ill-fated craft and her
officers.

In the course of a leader the *World* says that the theory of the dirigible
remains essentially sound and will not be abandoned, but the production
of an inexpensive non-inflammable gas must precede further rapid
development.

NOT IN VAIN.

Mr. Moffett, chief of the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics, is reported to have
declared that brave men will not have lost their lives in vain. "We shall
carry on the building of as many dirigibles as Congress will authorise," he
added. The Navy Department had suffered a severe blow, since the disaster
means that there will be greater handicaps than ever in obtaining authorisation
from Congress for further developments.

Flying officers express the opinion that the disaster was accentuated
by the inflammable hydrogen with which the airship was filled. It is
noteworthy that the Navy intended to use non-inflammable helium gas
when the vessel reached the United States.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

JAPAN STILL ANXIOUS ABOUT FAR EASTERN MATTERS.

WASHINGTON, August 25.

Mr. Shidehara, conveying to the State Department Japan's hearty and
appreciative acceptance of the invitation to the disarmament conference,
hoped that the agenda of the Far Eastern conference would be arranged
prior to the meeting in accordance with Japan's suggestion that matters
concerning only a few nations or which were accomplished facts should not
be brought into the discussions.

THE DOLLAR.

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WIRELESS IN CHINA.

NEWS SERVICES FROM ABROAD.

HONGKONG'S POSITION.

In the House of Commons on July
24, Mr. Hurd asked the Postmaster-
General whether the Chinese Govern-
ment has entered into an agreement
with the American General Electric
Company and the Radio Corporation
for the erection of high-power sta-
tions in China which will bring
Washington into direct com-
munication with Peking; whether he
is aware that by this means the 800
daily newspapers of China will be
provided with a cheap and steady
flow of world news through American
channels; and what comparable
British news services will be available
in the Far East under the British
Government's scheme?

Mr. Kellaway (in a written reply):
The question of wireless telegraphy
in China is at present the subject of
diplomatic communications between
his Majesty's Government and the
Chinese and other Governments con-
cerned. I understand that no such
agreement as that referred to by the
hon. member is in existence; but I
would point out that the receipt in
China of news sent out by wireless
stations in other countries depends
upon the existence in China of suit-
able receiving stations, and not of
high-power stations capable of trans-
mitting to other countries. If such
receiving stations exist they would
be able to receive news from stations
of the proposed Imperial Chain—e.g.
Hongkong, Singapore, and possibly
India—in the same way as from
stations in other countries.

SPORT.

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

At the V.R.C. yesterday evening,
the home team scored an easy victory
over the Wilts in their match in con-
nection with the Hongkong Water
Polo League.

The final scores were:—Victorians,
12; Wilts 2. Wood played a sound
game for the soldiers stopping many
hard shots from close range. It is
safe to say that but for their goal-
keeping the soldiers would have received a
heavier defeat.

The Lusitano Club scored their
second win yesterday by defeating
the R.G.A. 5 goals to 2. The game
was evenly contested at the opening
stages but soon the more experienced
Portuguese players asserted them-
selves and gave the gunners a very
strenuous defensive game.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

This evening the following matches
will be played:—

5.15 p.m.—"Tamar" v. United.

5.45 p.m.—"Foxglove" v. Lusitano.

The following will represent the
United against the "Tamar":—

A. E. Simmons; G. R. Razavi; and
J. Leonard; E. W. Railton, G. T. May,
D. Lang and A. Botelho.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE
CORPS.

At a meeting held at Volunteer
Headquarters on Wednesday, to dis-
cuss arrangements for entering teams
for the forthcoming season in the
Hongkong Rifle League, the following
decisions were reached:—
(1). The Corps to enter two teams,
a 1st and 2nd team, each team to
consist of eight members and four
waiting men.
(2). The following Committee was
appointed to carry out arrangements:
Chairman, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird,
D.S.O.; Secretary, Private J. K.
Shaw; Committee, Sergt. A. M.
Thornhill, Corp. F. C. Goodman and
C. A. Grimes, and Cnr. C. E. Frith.

This Committee will be in charge
of both Teams, and will be empowered
to add to their numbers as occasion
demands.
(3). The Range will be available
for practice for members of the
Corps desirous of obtaining a place
in the team, on Tuesdays and Thurs-
days, commencing Tuesday August
30 at 4.30 p.m. (except Tuesdays
September 6 and 20 and Thursdays,
September 15 and 22 when it is re-
quired to fire part 1) also on Sunday
afternoons from 2.30 p.m. commencing
Sunday, September 4.

Ammunition will be supplied free
on application to Headquarters. The
Committee will arrange to have
one representative present, when
firing is taking place in order to keep
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two teams to represent the Corps
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF JULY, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Memorandum of Association and a print of the existing Memorandum of Association and a print of the existing Memorandum of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting. A print of such draft new Memorandum of Association and a print of the existing Memorandum of Association of the Company may be seen at the Company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street aforesaid, and a comparison of the print of the existing Memorandum of Association with the print of the draft new Memorandum of Association will show wherein the draft new Memorandum of Association differs from the existing Memorandum of Association. Should the Meeting approve of such new Memorandum of Association with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—
(1) That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting, and also for the following further purposes, namely:—
For the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting. A print of such new Articles and a print of the existing Articles may be seen at the Company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street aforesaid. In such print the portions of the new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by underlining in black ink and by marginal notes. Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—
(2) That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street aforesaid, on SATURDAY, the THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions, the above mentioned Resolutions (Nos. 1 and 2).

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the said SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING to be held as aforesaid will be continued for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing the following further Resolutions as Extraordinary Resolutions, namely:—
(3) That each of the existing 20,000 fully paid up shares of \$50 each constituting the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 be divided into 5 fully paid up shares of \$10 each so as to make such Capital \$1,000,000 consisting of 100,000 fully paid up shares of \$10 each.
(4) That after the division aforesaid, the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000, consisting as aforesaid, to \$2,500,000 divided into 250,000 shares of \$10 each by the creation of 150,000 new shares of \$10 each—such new shares (subject as hereinafter mentioned) to be issued at such time or times and on such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may think fit.
(5) That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$1,000,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the General Reserve, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation such sum of \$1,000,000 be distributed as bonus among the shareholders of the

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of the CHAMBER will be held in the CHAMBER ROOM, CHARTERED BANK BUILDINGS, 3, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, on THURSDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1921, at 4 p.m.
BUSINESS:
(1) To consider and, if approved, to adopt a Local Standard Form of "Fancy" Piece Goods Contract.
(2) To consider a proposal to raise Members' Subscriptions from \$50 and \$25 per annum to \$200 and \$100 per annum respectively, payable quarterly.
(3) To consider any other matter which may properly be discussed at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
THE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.
By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 18, 1921.

NOTICE.
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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th August, 1921, until the 9th September, 1921, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, August 23, 1921.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HONGKONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY has been acquired, as from July 1st, 1921, by the undersigned with all rights and titles, and will hereafter be published by them. No claims against the Hongkong Dollar Directory incurred prior to this date will be admitted by the undersigned.
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Company in proportion to the shares in the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 held by them respectively on the date hereinafter referred to, and that a bonus be declared accordingly. And further that the Company's Board of Directors be and they are hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus as far as possible by the distribution in manner aforesaid of 100,000 shares of \$10 each credited as fully paid up among the persons who are registered as the holders of the shares constituting the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall decide—such last mentioned shares to rank pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 in respect of all profits of the Company earned since the 31st December, 1920, and such distribution to be in satisfaction of the aforesaid bonus.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a THIRD EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, aforesaid, on WEDNESDAY, the THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting in so far as regards Resolutions Nos. 3, 4 and 5 above and of confirming, if thought fit, such last mentioned Resolutions as Special Resolutions.
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END OF A PRISON JOURNAL.

SING-SING NEWSPAPER TO CLOSE DOWN.

So the prisoners at Sing Sing are no longer to get out a newspaper! Too bad! The Drifter has read that publication with pleasure in the past, and he has always thought that it would lessen the monotony of prison life to write for it if some time he were sent "up the river" for bigamy, mayhem, or subornation of perjury. He must be careful now to choose a crime, and thus a prison that will not entirely shut off his journalistic activities.
The reason given by the officials of Sing Sing for stopping the prison newspaper, says the *Nation*, is that it was costing too much money. This sounds familiar: it has been the reason for stopping many another publication from the days of papyrus down to the advent of the newspaper trust. A correspondent of the *Federalist* Press suggests another possibility: that the newspaper was stopped because of the publication of an editorial stating that 176 out of 1,200 inmates of Sing Sing had served in General Pershing's forces overseas and suggesting army life as a cause of crime.
However this may be, the Drifter conceives that the first serious mistake was the change of the newspaper's name. When started more than 20 years ago, it was known as the *Star of Hope*, a pleasing and appropriate name, which ought to have been retained. But in recent years a rival called the *Bulletin* was started. The two were eventually merged, after the manner of modern newspapers: the combination was called the *Star-Bulletin*, and finally, just the *Bulletin*. That was a pathetic mistake. There is a *Bulletin* of some sort in almost every sizeable city of the country, but the *Star of Hope* was unique.

A good deal has been said of the uplift value of prison journalism, but the Drifter thinks its possibilities as a punishment have been too little appreciated. Instead of putting the insubordinate poet on bread and water, would it not be more salutary to cut off the last two lines of his sonnet in the prison review? Or, in the case of a disobedient essayist, his article might be revised and "decked out" by the prison officials without his knowledge, after the fashion instituted by the wardens that preside over the editorial sanctuaries of some of our great metropolitan newspapers and magazines.
But perhaps that would be precluded in prison—though possible in the "free" world outside—because of the Constitutional prohibition against cruel or unusual punishment. Anyhow one of the attractions of Sing Sing is gone for the Drifter. He fears now that when he goes "up the river" there will be nothing for him to do but break stone—and even an honest life might be preferable to that!

WHAT TO DO WHEN BABY CANNOT SLEEP.

The baby that cries half the night is not a cry for fun. It cries because it is not well. Almost all infantile ailments including the pains of teething arise in the first place from stomach and bowel troubles. To induce sleep in a natural way, therefore, all that is necessary is to get these troubles right, for which *Baby's Own Tablets*, the Canadian children's remedy, have been especially devised.
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Chemists sell *Baby's Own Tablets* or post free at 70 cents the vial from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 98, Bechoon Road, Singapore.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

AIRSHIP DISASTER.

LONDON, August 25th.
It is officially stated that the airship carried 32 British passengers, of whom 8 were officers and 19 other ranks, 5 civilian experts, and 17 Americans, of whom 6 were officers and other ranks.
Altogether 3 persons are reported to have been saved from among the 48, but it is unofficially learned that the sole American among the survivors has since died from injuries. The four others comprise Commander Wann (in charge of the airship), another injured, and 2 uninjured.

LONDON, August 25th.
The news of the appalling disaster to the first rigid airship in the shape of private messages and quickly spread in the West End, causing a painful sensation.
Late editions of newspapers were hastily issued, but the majority of the people had left for home unaware of the terrible occurrence until the morning. The day's news full illustrations connected with the tragedy, which they, in leaders, denounce and dwell on the great grief, which is shared by the British and the Americans. The leader-writers describe the deaths of the crews as equally honourable as of soldiers in battle.

Rumours concerning the air-worthiness of the disaster, the origin of these rumours is uncertain, but the numerous Embassy official to inform interviewers that the authorities had the utmost confidence in her, although he admitted a tendency towards buckling, but he stated that this defect was remedied. He denied that the airship had bumped and damaged herself badly.
Both at Pukham, and at Lakehurst, New Jersey, where 400 officers and men were stationed in anticipation of the arrival of the airship, people were greatly shocked on hearing the news.
The specially selected hangar at Lakehurst cost \$1,000,000.

Major Scott, Commander of R3 in the trans-Atlantic flight, in paying a tribute to the men who lost their lives, expressed his belief that Flight-Lieut. Thomas was Britain's greatest flying officer. Major Pritchard, who had crossed the Atlantic in R34, said: "The very cream of the Airship Service is gone if these are killed."
HULL, August 25th.
The airship wreck lies half a mile southwards of the Corporation Pier in two portions, and is not visible at high tide.
One of the survivors, Leading Aircraftman Davies, describing the accident, said that it was all over in a moment. Petrol tanks exploded, and volumes of smoke and fire issued. Some men jumped overboard, but he stuck to the ship and went down with the stern section, which stuck on a little sandbank, where he was rescued. Some of the poor fellows had no chance whatever, particularly those in the control car.
At the time of the disaster, R34 was to carry out a fourth long trial, with additional modification, rendered necessary from experience in actual flying.
The third trial, on July 17th, lasted nine hours, when a speed of 50 knots was easily obtained.
During the flight, it was found that the girders and struts had been weakened, but flight, nevertheless, was continued, and as a result of the experience the girders were subsequently reinforced.

WESTMINSTER BY-ELECTION.

LONDON, August 25th.
The last communications from the airship were a wireless message despatched at 3 o'clock announcing the intention to land at Howden at 6.30 p.m. and finally a routine message flashed at 8.34 p.m. Commander Louis Maxfield, who was killed, commanded the American naval station, at Painbeuf, in France, in war-time.
Flight-Lieut. Wann accomplished a remarkable feat, not only of bravery, but of airmanship, by diverting the descent by which the vessel fell into water instead of in the city.

CAERPHILLY BY-ELECTION.

LONDON, August 25th.
The Caerphilly by-election resulted as follows:—
Mr. Morgan Jones (Labour) 13,779
Mr. Rees Edwards (Liberal) 8,698
Mr. Stewart (Communist) 2,229.
The vacancy was due to Mr. A. Onions' death.

AUSTRO-AMERICAN PEACE TREATY.

VIENNA, August 25th.
The Austro-American Peace Treaty has been signed. The negotiations were confidential, and the provisions are not known.

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MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.
APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.
August 25th, 1921.

Butcher Meat.		Poultry.	
Beef Sirloln—Moi Lung Pa	1b. 29	Chicken—Kai Tai	1b. 38
Prime Cut	20	Capons, Small—Sin Kai	38
Corned—Ham Ngau Yek	20	Capons, Large—Sin Kai	40
Roast—Shiu	19	Duck—Ap	40
Breast—Ngau Nam	18	Doves—Fan Kan	30
Soup—Tong Yak	18	Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai (serving) per doz.	28
Steak—Ngau Yek Pa	19	Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	28
Steak Sirloln—Ngau Lan	26	Fowls, Canton—Kai	1b. 45
Sausages—Ngau Cheong	25	Fowls, Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	38
Sallock's Brains—Ngau No per set	10	Geese—Nga	30
Tongue, fresh—Ham Ngau Li each 50		Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap, each	28
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Li each 50		Redhew—Hoi Hau Pak Kap	28
Head—Ngau Tin	each 60		
Heart—Ngau Sam	1b. 13	Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung 1b.	45
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	18	Turkeys, Hen—Fo Kai Na	40
Feet—Ngau Kerk	each 10	Selph—Sha Yek	each 10
Kidneys—Ngau Yek	each 10	Pheasant—Shan Kai	each 10
Ngau Mei	each 10	Quail—On Chun	each 10
Liver—Ngau Kon	1b. 18	Partridges—Che Kuo	each 10
Tripe (medium), Ngau To 1b. 6			
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau Tai	1b. 10		
Mutton Chop—Young Pel Kwai 1b. 34			
Leg—Young Pel	34		
Shoulder—Young Shan	37		
Saddle—Young On Yek	33		
Pig's Chitterling—Chu Cheong	25		
Brains—Chu No	per set 2		
Feet—Chu Keak	each 1b. 18		
Fry—Chu Chap	18		
Head—Chu Tai	15		
Heart—Chu Sam	each 10		
Kidneys—Chu Yek	each 10		
Liver—Chu Kon	1b. 30		
Pork Chop—Chu Pak Kwai	24		
Leg—Chu Pak	24		
Lois—Chu Han Tui	21		
Fat or Lard—Chu Yek	20		
Sheep's Head and Feet—Young			
Tau Kerk	each 70		
Head—Young Sam	each 10		
Kidneys—Young Yek	each 13		
Liver—Young Kon	1b. 34		
Sacking Pig, to order—Chu Tai	24		
Beef, Beef—Shang Ngau Yek	30		
Mutton—Shang Young Yek	34		
Veal—Ngau Tai Yek	24		
Sausages—Ngau Tai Cheong	20		
No. 1 1b. 28			
Fish.		Vegetables, &c.	
Rahel—Ka Yu	1b. 18	Artichokes—Ab Chi Cheuk	each 4
Bream—Pin Yu	26	Beans, Sprout—Nga Tso	1b. 4
Canton Fresh Water Fish		Long—Tan Kok	1b. 4
Hoai Sin Yu	23	Beet Root—Hung Tai Tan	each 5
Catfish—Chik Yu	23	Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	each 5
Coifish—Mon Yu	22	Brijalia, Green—Ching Yek Kwai	5
Cray—Hal	42	Red—Hung Kwai	5
Turtle Fish—Muk Yu	24	Cabbage Chinese, (common)	5
Dek—She Man Yu	24	" (Shanghai)—Yu Tai	8
Dum—Wong Mei Lap	25	Cung Shooa, beach—Kai Shoo	4
Pok Fish—Til To Shu	12	Cariflower (Large)—Yu Tai Feach	4
Kale Conger—Hoi Man	10	" (Medium)	4
Fresh water—Tan Shui Yu	16	" (Small)	4
Yellow—Wong Sin	28	Carrot's—Fan Shan	1b. 8
Prawns—Tin Kai	34	Chilly Chilies—Tong Kan Tsoi	20
Shrimp—Shik Pan	46	Odolies, Dried—Kon Lai Chio	25
Gedgion—Pak Kap Yu	18	" Red—Hung Fa Chiu	8
Herrings—Two Pak	32	" Green—Ching Lai Chio	6
Halibut—Cheung Kwai Kai	23	Curry Stuff, English—Ka Lai Chiu Lin	1b. 10
Libra—Wong Fa Yu	26	Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each 2
Loach—Wu Yu	34	Gadlin—Sun Tau	1b. 8
Loibers—Long Ha	44	Ginger young—Sun Tau Kung	6
Mackerel—Chi Yu	26	Ginger, old—Lo Kung	6
Wong Fish—Mong Yu	40	Horsedish, Shanghai—Lai Kan	50
Mullet—Tui Yu	22	Indian Corn—Shuk Mei	each 6
"Yellow—Shang Ho	28	Lettoes—Young Shang Tsoi	1b. 6
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	18	Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	1b. 8
Pike—Tas Lo	30	" Mandarin—Kwai	10
Plaice—Fan Yu	14	Lam Ma Tai	10
Pomfret, Black—Hoi Cheong	32	Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tsoi Kiu 1b.	45
Pomfret, White—Cheong	40	Okrors	each 1b. 4
Prawns—Ming E	40	Onions, Bombay—Young Cheung Tai 1b.	8
Ray—Pal Pa Shu	10	Onions, Green—Shang Cheong 1b.	8
Rock Fish—Shu Kan Kung	18	Onions, Shanghai—Sheng-hai	6
Salmon—Ma Yu	45	Parsley—Kun Tsoi	6
Shark—Shu Yu	10	Potato, Sweet—Yu Tai	3
Skate—Po Yu	16	" Japanese—Yu Tai Shu Tai 1b.	4
Shrimps—Ha	28	Pumpkin—Tung Kwa	1b. 4
Supper—Lap Yu	22	Rabbit—Hing Lo Pak Tai	8
Sole—Tui Shu Yu	26	Rabbit (Fresh)—Tui Kwa	8
Tench—Wu Yu	18	Skallots—Kong Cheung Tai	5
Turbot—Tao Han Yu	24	Spinach—Yin Tsoi	5
Turtle, small fresh water	1.2	Tomatoes—Fan Tsoi	9
Seak Yu	1.2	Tonk—Wu Tai	5
		Tumpies, Fresh (Hong), Lo Pak	4
		Vegetable Marrow—Tui Kwa	4
		Water Cress—Sai Yuen Tsoi	20
		Lily root—Lin Ngau	5
		Tams, Ta Shu	6

STANDARD CLOTHES.

SECOND SCHEME FAILS.

VICTIMS OF THE TAILOR.

The second of the schemes for making clothes by mass production, like certain types of motor-cars, has apparently broken down. The first one was inspired and organised by the Government in the middle of the war. The echo of it, which has now failed, was left to the business men who are responsible for our clothes to work out for themselves. Mr. Shaw may rush to excesses in his latest and most furious work ("Back to Mithusah") in prophesying, as he does, that the progress of the war will consist in discarding not of all our passions and our sentiments, and going about, like Indian fakirs, wrapped in thought and the simplest covering available. But long ultimate Shavian conclusions aside, it is clear that our refusal, even under stress of the hardship of the Great War, either to accept regulated mass-produced clothes or to evolve clothes of our own has delivered us for generations ahead

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RENTS ORDINANCE.

So far as we have got, we may still claim that the Rents Ordinance has justified itself, and this without reference to any litigation under it, just or pending. From various quarters we have heard of incidents that show the more knowledge or even amount of its existence has been sufficient to prevent hardship or injustice, such as was commonly complained of before its passage. We also hear, by the way, of tenants paying small increases that they are not obliged to pay, they understand that it is only a temporary law, and fearing that if they take advantage of its protection now their landlords will subsequently penalize them for it. We also hear of at least one landlord "bludging," depending, not without reason, on the ignorance of his tenants. All but one of about eight succumbed to this. We are rather surprised at the landlord taking such a risk, for so comparatively small an amount. Perhaps there was a little ignorance on his side too. We have heard it stated that, being so hurriedly prepared, the Ordinance is full of flaws. This is not the case. On the whole it is a successful bit of draftsmanship. The tale is probably an echo of the earlier official apologies, which pleaded that there had not been much time, etc. It really should not require a very long time to cover so simple a problem, and if we were not so wedded to precedent, Red Tape, and long-winded legal jargon, an effective ordinance for the purpose could probably be drafted on one sheet of foolscap. Readers should not be misled by the phenomenon of legal arguments. It would be a poor lawyer that could not argue for an

hour or two on any one of the Ten Commandments. No form, simple or complicated, could prevent that. It appears that this Ordinance takes away some of the usual jurisdiction of the Court in such cases. That is to say, it is a statute which abolishes, for the time being, other laws which would otherwise be applicable to such cases. Well, if we were finding fault with the text or the efficiency of this Ordinance, which we are not, being well satisfied with it, we might point out that if it could set aside laws it could also, with one clause, have been made to set aside lawyers. In any such emergency legislation of the future—and in such times as the world is now passing through, there is no telling what it may yet need to do—we hope the Government will remember that possibility, and ensure that its own intentions are not thwarted by legal quibbles and tricks. For example, just now at Home they seem to be busy reducing wages everywhere. Suppose the Hongkong employees try that on. Hongkong employees, Europeans at any rate, are not organized and would be unlikely to "strike." So perhaps this is only a supposition—the Government might be induced to pass an Emergency Wages Ordinance. We should prefer, in that case, a very simple Bill, something like this: "Whereas it is desirable that employers should not reduce wages, and the Government's intention is to prevent it, it is hereby enacted that such reductions may not be made without the consent of a Magistrate, who must hear both parties in person, and use his commonsense, and decide each case on its merits, regardless of any or any legal precedents, and that the parties in this way may be the more likely to get justice rather than law, it is further enacted, that lawyers must not interfere in such cases." The lawyers would object to this, and declare such a law ultra vires, or *intra vires* or something, but we think

the time may yet come when citizens will demand laws made for themselves, rather than for the benefit of the lawyers. It would be nice for Hongkong to set the example, and prove not only that we can do without them, but that we can even do better without them. Does this seem silly to you? That's only because it is new. Pardon it. Even though there is no immediate likelihood of it being taken seriously, the idea is a meritorious one, and will probably be acted on by and by. Get used to it.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A proposal is afoot to extend the Haikow harbour limits.

One case of paratyphoid fever, Chinese, was notified yesterday.

Mr. O. H. Farrar has passed his examinations as master (steamships).

One fatal case of enteric fever, Chinese, was reported on Wednesday.

The Chinese Government has appropriated \$100,000 in the Budget for the construction of Woosung as a port.

The s.s. "Namsang" yesterday brought 34 deportees from Singapore, including one woman. They have been referred to the S.C.A. for repatriation.

The attention of residents and business people in the districts west of Glereally, Wyndham and Pedder Streets is drawn to a notice from the Water Authority which appears in our advertising columns.

Part of the roof of the third floor verandah of No. 26, Cochrane Street, collapsed yesterday. The falling plaster broke some window panes. No other damage was done. The P.W.D. have been notified.

Mr. L. Noronha of No. 27, Shelly Street reports to the police that about 6 p.m., yesterday, while he was bathing off the North Point bathing beach, someone stole from the men's dressing matched his gold wrist watch worth \$48.

Found outside No. 25, First Street yesterday afternoon, the body of a male Chinese, aged about 36 years, was removed to the public mortuary where a post mortem examination was held and death pronounced to be due to natural causes.

Chief Police Inspector Kerr, Mrs. Kerr and their little son returned to the Colony by the s.s. "Suifuang" this morning from a six weeks' holiday trip in North China, covering Shanghai and Weihaiwei, and returning by way of Foochow, Amoy and Swatow. Inspector Kerr resumed duty on Monday.

In view of the serious danger to public health from the sale of iced drinks by hawkers, instructions have been issued by the Canton Health Department to the police authorities to co-operate in a movement to deter the purity of drinking water offered for sale by hawkers and temporary refreshment stands.

Immediately after promulgating an order for the suppression of gambling throughout the province of Kwangsi, which means a loss of several million dollars to the provincial treasury in the form of licences, Dr. Ma Chun-wu, the new Governor, issued an order to the Provincial Assembly instructing it to draft a provincial constitution upon which numerous reforms will be based.

Mr. Harry Louey Pang, a Chinese merchant from Australia, who arrived yesterday by the s.s. "Victoria," and is residing at the King Edward Hotel, has reported to the police that about 11.30 a.m., yesterday, he lost between the ship and the hotel, a letter of credit (No. 641) for £3,000 drawn on the English, Scottish and Australian Bank. The local agents of the bank have been notified.

John Thompson, a master mariner, was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with having behaved in a disorderly manner in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday, and assaulted and Indian Sergeant. Mr. D. H. Blake who appeared for defence, applied for a remand until to-morrow explaining that he wished to take out a cross-summons for assault against the Indian. The Magistrate granted the application.

A Eurasian destitute named Frank Aquino, was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell that he, having been granted leave from the House of Detention until 4 p.m., on August 9, did absent himself until arrested yesterday afternoon. Replying to the Magistrate, the accused said: "I did not return because I had been sick for a week, and was in the Government Civil Hospital." Sub-inspector Grant said that the accused entered the hospital on August 20. Asked by the Magistrate to account for the 11 days previous to the 20th, Aquino said: "I spent them in the Aberdeen Docks." Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

SPECIAL CABLE.

SHANGHAI'S STRANDED SHIPS.

FRENCH LINER NOT LOST.

RIGHTS HERSELF, AND MAY GET OFF.

(China Mail Special.)

SHANGHAI, August 26.

The French liner *Cordillere* marvelously righted herself late on Wednesday night and the captain, officers, and crew were enabled to go aboard. The rudder was broken by the bumping she got. Her previous list was to starboard. Early yesterday morning the list was ten degrees to port. She is still in a dangerous position, as are also the *Glauco* and *Hendrik*. The *Glauco* is on her maiden trip from Liverpool.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Charles Gulland Ballingall, a director of Java Rubber Plantation, Ltd., left estate of the gross value of £27,632.

The Bank of China will move into their new offices, No. 4, Queen's Road Central, on September 1, from which date all transactions will be made there.

Mr. John Melville Boustead, of Boustead Bros., Fenchurch Street, E.C., a director of several rubber-planting companies, left estate of the gross value of £24,559.

The young houseboy who was charged yesterday with complicity in the attempt made to rob the house of a Japanese lady in Anton Street, Wanchai, was this morning sentenced to eight strokes of the cane and four hours' detention.

A Chinese electrician living on the first floor of No. 4, Kowloon City Road has reported to the district police that his niece, aged 24 years, is missing from home since 10 a.m., on August 20 when she left the house to go to market.

While out at sea the s.s. "Shantung" which arrived from Shanghai today took off from a three-masted schooner a Japanese sailor who had severely injured himself by falling down a hold. The man was brought ashore to-day and sent to the Japanese hospital.

The Canton tea-house workers' strike is over. Their chief demands have been granted the strikers are resuming work to-day. With 6,000 employees on strike practically all the tea-houses were forced to close. It is hoped that the strike of masons and carpenters will also be settled soon.

While engaged in unloading timber from a junk lying alongside the Hung Hom Ferry wharf yesterday afternoon, a coolie was knocked into the harbour by a log which fell on him. He was immediately pulled out and removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital, but died on the way. Death was due to fracture of the base of the skull.

Mr. B. Griffiths, third officer of the s.s. "Chipsing," which is undergoing overhaul at the Cosmopolitan Dock, was swimming from the dock wharf at 7 a.m., yesterday, when his silver wrist watch worth \$25 was stolen from the pocket of his coat which he had hung on the wharf. No one was out on the wharf when Mr. Griffiths went out to swim. Consequently there is no clue as to the identity of the thief.

A two-year study of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s methods has just been started by six officials of the Chinese Government railway system. "We recognise in China that the C.P.R. is the greatest transportation system in the world, and so our Minister of Communications decided that we should come to Canada and study C.P.R. systems," said Mr. Y. L. Kwan, who is head of the party.

As the result of a fall from the first floor of No. 1, Salt Fish Lane, the contractor's coolie is now in the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his head and body. The man was at work demolishing the building which is in danger of collapsing, when a beam on which he was standing suddenly gave way bringing down with it a quantity of masonry. Luckily the man fell clear of the debris or his injuries would have been more serious. Several people at work carrying bricks immediately below were just in time to get out of harm's way.

Certain Chinese now in London are demanding that the value of two sacred golden bells taken from the Temple of Heaven in Peking during the Boxer rising shall be restored to the temple authorities. It is stated that the bells were found under piles of rubbish, and that one of them was taken by British troops to Delhi and there melted down, the gold being sold for £25,000. The interested Chinese now point to the special clause in the Versailles Treaty regarding the ancient astronomical instruments looted by the Germans during the capture of Peking were returned to China, and demand that the sacred bells, or their value, shall also be restored to the Temple of Heaven.

THE IRISH TANGLE [NO. 1.]

[By "PRASINUS" FOR THE CHINA MAIL.]

WHAT THE ENGLISHMAN SEES AND THE IRISHMAN CAN'T SEE.

"They still believe in the Ptolemaic system as far as their literature is concerned," said an Englishman to me, referring to my fellow countrymen, the Irish.

As I most heartily agree with him I can more readily explain his point of view. But before I do so I wish to try to represent the Irish view point. An Irish weekly, recently started, had an important leading article stating its case from the comparative point of view. It said that England about the time of Shakespeare or a little earlier had a population of less than four millions. Of this population only a small percentage was able to read or write, and a smaller percentage still showed an intelligent interest in literary pursuits. Yet from this unpromising nucleus sprang a great outburst of dramatic and literary brilliance—the Augustan Age of English literature—a wealth of thought, literary and scientific, dramatic and philosophical, such as the world had scarcely ever before seen. Now, said the article, Ireland has a larger population than England had then; a larger percentage of its people read and write, and it has a devoted group of Irish writers. Let us bring about an Irish renaissance, let us create an Irish literature, let us express, in our own tongue, Irish—own very own, which shall shake the world, and do more for Ireland than the great literature of Greece did for Athens or that of Horace, Virgil or Lucretius ever did for Rome.

Here again is much the same thing from the pen of the greatest of living writers of the Irish School—"What is the root of the Irish trouble?" "The Irish people want to be free. Why do they desire freedom? I think it is because they feel in themselves a genius which has not yet been manifested in a civilisation—as Greek, Roman or Egyptian—can have in the past externalised their genius in a society with a culture, arts and sciences peculiar to themselves."

Now what is the great flaw in all this? It is simply what my friend said, that the Irish are in literature, art and science still followers of Ptolemy. The great fact which did more to overthrow the Ptolemaic System than any other was the discovery that a lesser body could not support a body of much greater mass to revolve round it, but that the lesser bodies must revolve round the greater bodies according to fixed laws in proportion to their distances.

And this law in its general application, is as true in economics, literature or science as it is in celestial mechanics. The four millions of Shakespeare's England are not represented by an isolated Erse-speaking coterie in encysted aloofness. Their tentacles spanned the world. It was just their association with this expansiveness of geographical discovery, their social intercourse and fraternisation with the Continent that brought about the possibilities of Shakespeare and Milton, that made the tongue that Shakespeare spoke.

With England as her great next-door neighbour, and English literature and science holding the places they do in the world, it is hard for an Englishman to speak dispassionately of the little Irish group who are at the very heart of the world. It is trying to "Erse" the world, as it were, if Juno, Ceres or Phoebos were to start off on their own to set up a little solar system in defiance of Kepler's laws. Mr. Wells simply loses his temper over the Erse craze—"The automobile halted for a moment at cross-roads, and the finger-post was in Erse characters."

"Look at that!" said Peter with genuine exasperation. "And hardly a Dubliner knows fifty words of the language! It's poetry. If we were 'Irish I suppose we should smother 'Londra with black-letter.'"

Mr. Wells would have waxed more wrathful still if he had been Irish born and a decade younger. He would then have been a schoolboy at the time of the compulsory Irish craze. At that time only a few people—the inhabitants of Bannulet and Dughort—knew Irish; and they could read it or understand one another (for the language is dialectical like colloquial Chinese). But the word went round, "Erse" Ireland, and immediately all the schools fell into line. You can picture to yourself what it all meant. Another language (and that a compulsory one) for the matriculation of the National University. Half the understood lectures in Irish, and the usual concomitant—a corresponding shoddiness of knowledge in all the other subjects. The pupils in the backwash of the educational struggle.

Of course the moon must feel rather galling to have to follow in the wake of the earth in her path round the sun. But neither Kepler nor the sun is really to blame for this. A.E. says rather sadly—"The Gaelic culture still inspires all that is best in Irish literature and Irish life. There are writers like Yeats, Synge, Joyce and Stephens who might have won but little repute had they not turned back and bailed in the Gaelic tradition and their

DISHONEST APPRENTICE.

THEFT ON STEAMER.

A 15-year old Chinese apprentice employed by the Kowloon Dock was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with the theft of a silver cigarette case, the property of Mr. Williamson, of Messrs. Moller and Company.

The complainant said that yesterday morning he was on board the s.s. "Lindsay Moller," in dock. He had occasion to take off his coat and place it on a table on deck, outside the Captain's cabin. When he returned a few minutes later, he saw the accused in custody. A hurried search of the coat found nothing missing but later when he wanted a smoke, he found his cigarette case missing. He promptly rang up Inspector Aris and had the accused removed to the Police Station.

The accused denied that he took the case from Mr. Williamson's coat pocket, alleging that he picked it up in the dining saloon.

Remarking that in any case the accused had no right to take things that did not belong to him, the Magistrate sentenced him to three months at the Laicheekok jail.

DOPED.

A WOMAN'S EVENING OUT.

A Chinese woman living on the second floor of No. 10, Tung Street, reports to the police that about 7 a.m., on Wednesday, she was invited to dinner at the M.Y. San Restaurant, by a male friend named Luk. At the restaurant they were joined by another man. After dinner, she had a cup of red tea and did not know anything more. She awoke at 1 a.m., yesterday and found herself in bed in a room at the Ming Lee Boarding House of Connaught Road Central. She questioned a waiter, and learned that she had been taken there by two men at 8 o'clock on the previous night. The men stayed a few minutes in the room and then departed. On examination, she found that she had been relieved of all her jewellery, worth \$85—two pairs of gold bangles, one pair of jade bangles, one gold ring set with diamonds, and a silver hair ornament. The police who have descriptions of the men, are investigating. All the pawnshops have been circumscribed with descriptions of the missing jewellery.

CONCERT ON THE "TAMAR."

Aboard H.M.S. "Tamar" last night a gathering of naval men and their friends listened with keen enjoyment to an admirable concert programme. Several well-known artists contributed and the numbers for which "Lena" and "Tedo" were responsible were outstandingly popular. Tunesful and topical, "Repulse Bay," a cleverly written piece of their own composition, proved one of the "hits" of the evening and they were notably successful with a couple of amusing coster sketches.

Messrs. H. Anniss and G. O. Fieldgate furnished vocal items that were well received and that Mr. Savage held the attention of the audience in the second half of the programme with a capital display of "leggerdom." Lg. Sea Symons and Sig. Cook, heard first in a Hebrew comedy duo and then in a cross-talk turn, were enthusiastically recalled more than once and the efforts of Messrs. H. Fitzer and A. Ellis who contributed a banjo duet and later, in association with Mr. T. Mason, a banjo and concertina trios were generously applauded. Messrs. Trickle and Woodcock won warm appreciation for the pianoforte duet with which the programme opened.

"souls been made shining and many 'coloured by the contact.' But to be frank, is there one of these first-magnitude stars in the Irish armament which a candid posterity will recognise as great literature? Or, here and now, how many readers of literature, Irish or English, have really lost their souls over, 'On Baile's Strand,' 'The Well of the Saints' or 'The Demi-Gods'? There is not great literature. And our judgment of their success must be just the reverse of A.E.'s—their success has been just in proportion as they have allied themselves with English literature. On this account Dr. Douglas Hyde, the most Gaelic of them all, is practically unheard-of—a mere literary eccentric.

No, there is no possibility of Ireland being able to set up a little solar system of her own, literary, economic, linguistic. She must simply be content to fall into line with the literary, economic, language and social laws of her great English-speaking neighbours and be prepared to fulfil her destinies as part of them.

[To-morrow will appear "What the Irishman sees and the Englishman can't see."—Ed. C.M.]

THE THEATRE SHOOTING.

NOTHING NEW.

The preliminary hearing of the Woking Theatre murder case was practically concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon, and there only remains evidence of parades held for the purpose of establishing the identity of the alleged murderer to be given this afternoon. The prisoner may then be committed to stand his trial at a special Criminal Session on Monday.

The prisoner, Yeung Ko, is defended by Mr. D. J. Lewis. Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducts the prosecution, and Mr. A. E. Hall is watching the proceedings in the interest of the relatives of the murdered actor, Li Siu Fan.

Shiu Chuen, a Chinese detective, is the principal witness for the Crown. He was in the theatre on the night of August 16 when the actor was murdered. He says he saw the face of the man in the long white coat as he ran out of the theatre; it was the accused. He saw the man discard the coat outside the theatre. It fell on the ground with a thud as if it contained something heavy. He followed the fugitive, calling out "Stop running or I will shoot you dead." At the corner of Glan Street he caught the prisoner. Other police officers helped him secure the man. When asked "Where is your pistol?" the prisoner said "Over there."

Mr. Lewis objected to the conversation, which he maintained was not evidence.

The Magistrate took it down, and made a note of Mr. Lewis's objection. A district watchman heard about the shooting and went to the theatre. In the doorway he came upon the coat. He felt it. It was wrapped round something hard. He guarded the coat until the police arrived with the prisoner. The coat was unwrapped and a Mauser pistol which had been recently fired was found.

Other witnesses who were present at the prisoner's arrest also spoke of the conversation between Shiu Chuen and the prisoner.

Mr. Lewis again protested. The coat, pistol, bullets and other exhibits were then traced from hand to hand up to their appearance in Court.

After the deceased's identity had been traced in a similar manner, the case was adjourned until this afternoon when it is expected the evidence for the Crown will be completed.

A WELL-ARRANGED AFFAIR.

"One train-load from Kentucky bore a large banner on which was inscribed 'Our heart is with the Frenchman, but our coin is on the champion.'—A descriptive touch from the preliminaries to the Dempsey-Carpenter fight."

It was a summer morning and the seats were all crisscrossed. For to see the most expensive fight the world had ever staged: There were movie men and fighting men and millionaires galore. And the special correspondents were as sad as upon the show: Then advanced Kentucky's notables who proudly bore along. The banner that embodied all the spirit of the throng. With its swift appeal to every sport, from plutocrat to wait— "Our hearts are with the Frenchman, but, thank God, our money's safe!"

It was a summer evening, the champion's work was done. He had sent his final message off explaining "How I won." He had wired his dear old mother to the tune of "Yankee-doodle." And all that now remained was just to parcel out the booty.

To Dempsey for the job he did. A modest eight thousand quid; And fifty clear for 'Carpenter, Which may preserve him from the blues.

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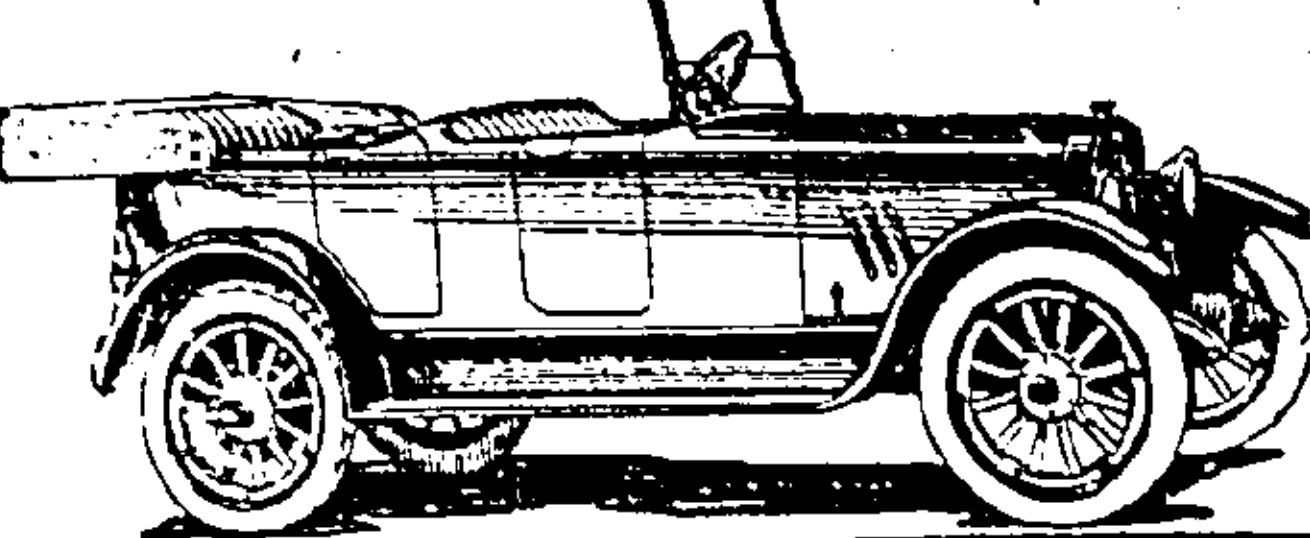
A bonny penny must have made: And doubtless every living sinner.

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Infatigable Betting System.

At the Old Bailey, an amazing case of card-sharping and betting has ended in five years' penal servitude each. One victim lost altogether £25,000 by an infatigable betting system, and an Arabic officer lost £10,000 on one occasion. A police inspector testified to the "scissors" having been carried on for years, but he said that as the victims were unwilling to testify prosecution was made difficult. As a result of the publicity given to these cases, London is free from tricksters than has been the case for quarter of a century. Twenty-five others, all Australians (except one South African), have fled to the Continent. The police held warrants against them.

A French Hero's Death.

Captain Domine, the heroic defender of Tuyen-Quan, has died at Verus, near Vieux-Francois, where he was born in 1848. He had fought in almost every part of the world where the French flag flies. He was wounded in the Franco-Prussian War, and at its conclusion went to Africa, where he had begun active service with the Zouaves. Transferred to China, at Tuyen-Quan he put up a defence which is in the annals of French colonial wars much what the siege of Chinali is in English records. With 400 troops he resisted for three months and almost without food and munitions 15,000 enemies. He lost a third of his little force, and was so badly wounded himself that one arm had to be amputated.

Emir At The Palace.

When the Emir of Katsina, Nigeria, visited the King at Buckingham Palace he told his Majesty that horses are among the greatest delights of his life, and as for racing, his fondness for the sport is boundless. "I think," he said, "that if I carefully studied the horses before a race I should succeed in picking out those that would win, or be among the first three." He said that in Nigeria he keeps his own stud of racehorses, and that he has won five cups.

The Emir was deeply impressed by all he saw at the Palace. "I have seen nothing so magnificent in all my travels," he declared. Before leaving he was invested by the King with the medal struck expressly for African chiefs—an oval silver gilt medal bearing the King's head and attached to a gold chain. His immediate desire was to be photographed wearing it.

Took's Court.

Interesting examples of eighteenth-century domestic architecture in London are rapidly disappearing. There are two good houses in Took's Court, a shabby angled passage between Cursthorpe Street off Chancery Lane, and Fetter Lane. These, with the rest of the court, are now the property of the Government and are soon coming down to make way for an extension to the Patent Office. Both show as fine brickwork as anything in London, and are decorated with tall pilasters, one with Corinthian capitals and the other with Ionic. Took's Court has been in an exhausted condition for many years, and is probably known to very few but those whose business takes them that way. Students of Dickens will recognise it, however, a haunt of Mr. Chadband. The least one can do for these houses is to record their passing.

Twice-Told Tales.

In his lucid moments he was a big game hunter; in less lucid ones he was a ladykiller; and in less lucid ones still he was our prize whisky drinker and our prize liar. All his lies, of course, were about animals or women.

One night he had lied himself into an impossible quandary—lions in front, rhinos to the right, hippos to the left, and a python writhing down the tree which he had attempted to scale in rear—and we waited for the denouement.

Just as it should have arrived he ceased speaking and dropped asleep.

We determined not to let him escape, and woke him up.

"Well, how does it finish?" we asked.

"How does what finish?" he mumbled.

"Why, the story you were telling us," we insisted. "You remember?"

"Oh, yes, I remember," came the reply. "Well, to cut a long yarn short, I was *damt* near landed in a breach o' promise case in the end!"

GENERAL ITEMS.

Four hundred actors took part in an historical film, based on Dumas's "Black Tulip," outside the old prison gate of the Hague, where the statesman Jan De Witt was murdered.

The German airship "Nordstern," just surrendered to France by the terms of the Peace Treaty, is to be used commercially for transporting goods between Marseilles and Algeria.

Five insurgent Montenegrin chieftains leaving Antivari, near Bari, threw themselves out of a train from fear of being taken to Serbia and delivered to the authorities there.

A neat little piece of abbreviation occurs in a Home paper's "Personal" column. It runs: L. o.—Must c u sent 1st wk Wlu arrange? Spk A. Another letter would have cost another 8s.

None of the capital ships for this year's naval programme will be built in the dock-yards, said Mr. Amery in Parliament. The Admiralty hopes to be in a position to call for tenders on September 1.

Orange trees in fruit will shortly add further beauty to the famous Place Vendôme in Paris. They will be placed in decorated tree tubs. In the winter they will be replaced by harder plants and trees.

Efforts are to be made to preserve the remains of the old London Bridge, built in 1209, which were recently discovered during excavations for a new building at Adelaide-place, on the north side of the river.

The Eina Insurance Company, says a Hartford (Conn.) message, which employs 6,000 women, has issued a ruling that none of their employees must wear bobbed hair. "We grant workers, not circus riders," is the official reason given.

A feature of cricket in mail week was provided by Rushby, the Surrey bowler, who took the whole of the Somerset wickets in their first innings at Taunton for 43 runs. This is the third time the feat of taking all ten wickets has been accomplished this season.

A French infantryman who deserted in September 1915 and had evaded all the efforts of the authorities to trace him has just been arrested. Helped by his wife, he had lain concealed in the house during the day, despite frequent searches by gendarmes.

Poulain, mounted on his Aviette—a man propelled aeroplane—has won the so-called "Prix Decametre" of 10,000 francs by covering a distance of 70 metres in one direction and 45 metres in another at a height of 80 centimetres, says a Reuter Paris message.

A labourer in a village near Dover recently lost £50, his life savings, which he kept in an old tobacco pouch under his pillow. He reported his loss to neighbours, and a search resulted in the discovery, near a large rat hole in a barn, of the pouch, badly gnawed but with the notes intact.

An I O U for £600,000,000 has been handed by the War Damages Committee to the Allied Reparations Commission. It begins: "The German Empire owes the holder of this promissory note the sum of 12,000,000,000 gold marks (£600,000,000) of the weight and standard legally stipulated on January 1, 1914."

Kissing is not illegal in Berlin. This decision was given by a Berlin court when a lawyer's clerk and pretty typist were tried for making a public scandal by kissing in the Tiergarten (Zoological Garden). They had kissed many times as they walked along before they were stopped by a detective who had followed them for half an hour. Their counsel told the court that he spoke as the defender of all lovers and the C-urt acquitted them. They had a good kiss outside.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

PEAUTON SELLER PAYS.

Nemesis, in the shape of a conscientious *hukong*, overtook yesterday a wrinkle-faced old peasant who, when charged at the Police court to-day with selling his wares without a licence, naively confessed to Magistrate Orme that he hadn't worried about a licence for seven years.

"In that case," observed the Magistrate drily "you have saved quite a lot of money on licences and you can well afford a two dollar fine out of your accumulation."

OPIUM OFFENDERS.

THEIR UNLUCKY DAY.

It was an unpropitious day in the illicit opium smoking business yesterday. Seven raids on opium dens were successfully carried out by the police and revenue officers and this morning 43 offenders were haled before Magistrate Orme at the Police Court. Fines totalling \$450 were imposed.

MARINE MISDOINGS.

A coolie from Nam Hoi and a hawker from Tung Kun were sentenced to imprisonment at the Marine Court to-day for being aboard the ss. "Ixcon" without permission. One offender was awarded a month's jail and the other one, who had been in trouble before, got six weeks.

Charged with having made fast to the ss. "Siberia Maru" when two other launches were already lying alongside, the masters of the steam launches "Lee Ping" and "Vacuum" were fined \$5 each.

TAIKOO TALLOW

THIEVED.

Caught in Taikoo dockyard yesterday with two bags of tallow in their possession two Chinese who presented an unusually tattered and dilapidated appearance were pronounced guilty by Magistrate Orme at the Police Court to-day on a charge of stealing.

A Chinese watchman said the men had the bags slung on a bamboo carried between them. They tried to run away when they saw him but he stopped them.

One man was given a month's jail and the other, who was younger, was let off with three weeks.

MONEY CHANGER ROBBED.

Dashing into a money changer's shop along the Praya East yesterday afternoon, a Chinese grabbed up a packet containing several dollars in small change while the proprietor was looking the other way and made off with it. Fokis gave chase and the man was stopped by a constable on point duty.

Presented before Magistrate Orme at the Police Court this morning he confessed his guilt and was sent to jail for a month.

FIRE THIS AFTERNOON.

A fire broke out in Hollywood Road at 2.45 this afternoon. The Fire Brigade turned out promptly with two engines and are attending to the outbreak as we go to press.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. Louise Sassoon, of Springfield, Walton-on-Thames, widow of Joseph Sassoon, and a daughter of the late Baron de Günsburg, left estate valued at £11,091.

The late Admiral Sir James Andrew Thomas Bruce, K.C.M.G. (75), who saw service in Nigeria and was in command in China at the time of the Boxer outbreak, formerly A.D.C. to Queen Victoria, left estate of the gross value of £20,957.

Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, the Transatlantic airman, who has been ill at the Manchester Military Hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis, has now almost recovered. Sir Arthur has recently been in China on behalf of Messrs. Vickers.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place on August 30, very quietly, owing to recent bereavement, between Major J. G. Cadell, D.S.O., 45th Rattay's Sikhs, elder son of the late Alan Cadell, C.S.I., I.C.S., and Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Mr. H. J. Hunt, of Yokohama, and of Mrs. Hunt, of Crawley Wood House, Camberley.

The marriage took place on July 11, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, of Mr. Victor Harry Jones, 14th King's Hussars, second son of Mr. R. D. C. Jones, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, London, and Mrs. Jones, 7, Hanover-terrace, Regent's Park, and Emily Charlotte (Milly) eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomson, Heathside, Wimbledon Common, formerly of Java.

HOME TRADE.

MANCHESTER MARKET.

Messrs. Morreau and Spiegelberg's report for July 13 was as follows:—Cotton.—On better trade reports from Manchester, the raw material shows advances on the week.

Liverpool spot prices yesterday were:—American F. M. 8.70d. last week 8.06d.

Egyptian Sakellaris E.G.F. 16.50d. last week 15.50d.

Yarns.—Prices are firm at rates the same as last week to 1d. a lb. higher.

Cloth.—A steady business continues to come to look. Prices are firmer, and some advances in rates are recorded. It has been a surprise to buyers to find that they have in some cases had to pay more than the quotation of a week or two ago. Delivery dates have become more extended.

The export figures for June show that in the first six months of this year only about half the yardage of 1920 was exported.

This must help the consuming markets to a healthier state, and enable them to clear their stocks.

The Eastern markets are still buying cautiously. India, China, Java, and the Straits having made considerable purchases.

The heavy sales in Liverpool during the week reflect the volume of business done. This is the best week Liverpool has had since the slump commenced.

The general tone is optimistic, and it is considered that if we are not actually on the high road again, we are at least out of the wash.

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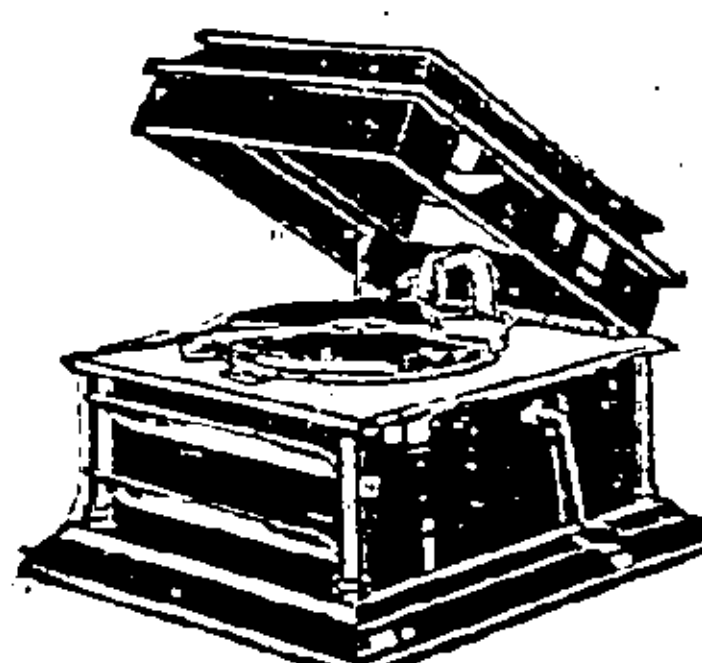
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while entering Bombay harbour,
collided with the "Clan Lamont,"
which had anchored in the stream.
The P. and O. boat suffered a very
slight rent on the starboard side of
her bow, which, it was stated, the
height of the Clan vessel. The
damage sustained by the latter was
negligible, but the collision gave her
a severe shock, naturally, since the
"Naldera" is a much bigger boat. The
mail boat's plates were strained, and
she immediately entered dry dock
to ascertain what damage had been
caused. Although there was very
little need for it a few boards were
fixed where the plates had been
damaged for safety's sake.

The "Naldera," which is a sister-ship
of the "Narkunda," is one of the two
biggest P. and O. vessels to call at
Colombo and is incidentally one of
the two biggest frequent callers here.
She is 15,800 tons gross, 605 feet in
length, 67 feet 2 ins. in breadth, and
is driven by 2 sets of quadruple ex-
pansion reciprocating engines, which
develop 18,000 horse-power and 181
knots sea speed. Owing to the
exigencies of war she was temporarily
fitted out as a cargo steamer, and
was subsequently converted for use
first as an aeroplane carrier and then
as an armed merchantman. She was
finally entirely re-conditioned for
the Colombo-Australian mail service
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The "Clan Lamont" is a vessel be-
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the London-Bombay run. She is
under the command of Capt. Last.
A Ceylon man, who was a passenger
on board the P. and O. "Naldera" and
an eye-witness of the accident, gave
a Times of Ceylon representative his
impressions of the collision.

At about 8.30 p.m. on the Friday,
he said, the "Naldera" was in the act
of leaving Bombay. There was, of
course, a pilot on board at the time
and full lights were being shown.
I was on the upper deck forward with
about 14 or 15 other passengers.
As a matter of fact I was thinking
of going below when I suddenly saw
the "Clan Lamont" straight ahead of
us, and, to my mind, a collision
appeared inevitable. The Clan boat
was at anchor in the stream and was
brightly illuminated and we ap-
peared to be making straight at her
and looked like cutting her in two.
Suddenly the "Naldera" swung hard
round to port, but a collision could
not be avoided. I felt only a slight
jar and was very surprised later when
I saw the size of the hole which had
been made in our starboard side.
The damage, I understand, was
entirely above water and the hole
was made at a spot occupied by the
cabins of some of the stewards.
The bed of one steward was very
badly twisted.

"The bow of the 'Clan Lamont' appeared to be slightly buckled, but, apparently, the damage was not serious.

"The 'Naldera' went back on the Saturday and straight into dock. A temporary wooden patch, with cement

inside was fixed in position and we resumed the voyage on Sunday. To get away so soon after the accident was a smart piece of work."

SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA.

SOME NOVEL PROPOSALS.

Some important novel proposals for increasing the safety of ships at sea have been made by Messrs. Harland and Wolff. The firm have taken steps to protect the ideas underlying them, and we have no little hesitation in saying that they may become of fairly general application in passenger ships and ships of the shelter-deck type, says the Journal of Commerce.

The first proposal relates to a system of closing from a central position the storm valves or scupper valves, situated in the neighbourhood of the waterline of the ship. These valves are of the ordinary flap type, and are not watertight, so that in the event of damage and the consequent immersion of the valves water will pass the valve and enter the ship through the scupper pipes when the upper end of the pipe immersed. It is generally believed that the sinking of the "Audacious" was hastened by the admission of water inside the ship by means of the scupper pipes, which terminated at the deck below the upper deck.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff have devised a system which is simple in the extreme, and therefore embodies one of the essential requirements of a ship's fitting. By means of a plunger, not mechanically attached to the flap of the valve, operated hydraulically from a hand pump placed on the bridge, the flap may be pressed home against its seating, and so rendered watertight. The pressure in the system is maintained by air vessel on the delivery side of the pump, and is indicated by a pressure gauge. The plunger is thus maintained in position, even if there be slight leakages in the delivery system. By means of a change cock the plunger can be withdrawn, thus allowing the valve to operate in the usual way. The liquid used in the system is one which is not affected by frost.

The second proposal is a travelling carriage for transporting boats from an inboard stowing position to a position directly under the boat's davits. Here, again, simplicity is the feature of the device, which consists of a carriage travelling on rails and on an endless wire operated by a hand winch of a compact form placed on the inboard side of the boat or in any convenient position. The boat is always under control, because the carriage cannot "overhaul" the winch, even if the ship is rolling considerably, the winch being self holding.

These two devices are of great importance, and plainly indicate that, although there is a slump in shipbuilding, those interested in the shipping industry are assiduously devoting their attention to effecting improvements for securing safety of life at sea.

SHIPPING AT YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The following table shows particulars of the Japanese, British, and American ships entering Yokohama

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and Kobe during the first half of the current year, compared with the corresponding period of last year:—
Yokohama:

	Number.	Tonnage.
Japanese	473	2,233,227
British	125	929,822
American	111	700,203
Others	42	283,584
Total	751	4,126,836

Kobe:
Japanese 1,108 4,188,204
British 177 1,283,475
American 110 697,139
Others 54 346,066
Total 1,449 6,502,885

The reason why the Japanese ships in Yokohama decreased in number, but increased in tonnage is due to the fact that larger-sized ships entered the port. The total shows an increase of 15 per cent. in number and of 45 per cent. in tonnage over the corresponding period of last year. The fact that the British ships in Kobe increased in number in contrast to a decrease in tonnage shows that larger ships have been replaced by smaller ships. Both American and Japanese ships suffered a considerable decrease. The aggregate tonnage and number indicate a decrease of between 8 and 17 per cent.

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	1920	1919	1918
Profit	671,401	523,031	408,730
Brought forward	162,532	119,785	83,430
Available	\$834,933	\$642,816	\$492,160
Div. interest	100,000	100,000	100,000
Prof. dividends	267,731	116,224	68,375
Ord. dividend	120,000	120,000	120,000
Management do.	24,000	24,000	24,000
To reserve	100,000	100,000	50,000
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ETERNAL FEMININE. SECRETS OF ANCIENT TOMBS.

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The model, which he built in the prison metal shop, of which Keeper John Van Wyck is foreman, is about 25 ft. long and about 9 ft. in diameter. It is cylindrical in shape.

Where it exceeds other dirigibles is in the horizontal airshaft through the centre of the bag. This enables the wind to pass through the centre of the bag, and therefore greatly lessens the resistance of the wind against the dirigible. The model will take aloft about 300 lbs.

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ROMAN WALL IN SCOTLAND. "THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF AN EMPIRE."

The Roman Wall in Scotland was the subject of a lecture by Dr. George Macdonald at Bedford College the other day. He said that the wall, the building of which was regarded as an operation of the first magnitude, was an evidence of civilisation, and of the defensive process by which that civilisation was possible. For three centuries it kept the Caledonians, the Picts, and the Scots at bay.

The wall was only half the length of Hadrian's wall between the Tyne and the Solway, and unlike Hadrian's wall it had not been the subject of quarrels among antiquarians which had lasted beyond the grave. The date 142 A.D., could be assigned to its erection. The wall consisted of a rampart, a ditch, and a military road. The base of the rampart was formed of small stones, but whereas for the western half of the length the upper portion was made of turf—the lines of decayed heather and grass could be seen in sections to this day—the eastern half was composed of a considerable extent of wrought clay. Possibly the ground over which the eastern half ran was wooded, and turf was difficult to get.

The lecturer described in detail the method of tracing the course of the wall, and told how in his own case he had made use of a cracked farm building and a line in the crop where the corn grew ripe, to discover the "north-west corner of the Roman Empire." At the ends of the completed sections of the wall were carved and inscribed slabs, which were believed to have been brilliantly if crudely coloured. One of the finest specimens was discovered at Briggeness in 1868. It depicted at one end the slaughter of four Caledonians by a Roman soldier, and at the other a sacrifice of animals. These stones not only marked the distances along the Wall, but they were monuments of successful war.

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The grass in Hyde Park was burnt brown with the drought, and though a cool wind occasionally stirred the foliage of the trees, the sun beat down with sweltering heat. It was essentially a day for seeking shade, not for standing out in the full glare listening to speeches or marching alone miles of streets carrying heavy banners. Yet because this was the League of Nations' birthday and because men and women from all parts of London and from every grade of society wished to demonstrate their belief in the League's great mission, many thousands marched in procession to Hyde Park, and thousands more came to listen sympathetically to the speeches delivered from seven platforms.

Led by Mrs. Fawcett, who walked from the Embankment, the women's special procession was first on the scene. The National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship brought their decorative banners representing famous women. A young Joan of Arc rode by on a caparisoned horse. The National Federation of Girls' Clubs, the Temperance Women, and the League of the Church Militant were among the organisations joining in, but the women's institutes which are deeply interested in the League of Nations Union. For some time after that bands played processions across the grass from many different parts of London, bringing the banners of trade unions, ex-service men's societies, and religious and social organisations.

THE 48 COUNTRIES.

Meantime specially invited guests, British men and women prominent in national and international affairs, and distinguished people from other nations, were assembling in the reception marquee, which stood near the trees by Park Lane. By three o'clock representatives of all the forty-eight countries belonging to the League must have been gathered in that enclosure. The processions ranged themselves in column opposite the tent facing the flag-draped stand, from which the Archbishop of Canterbury delivered the opening address. He was followed by Lord Robert Cecil, and after that the crowd drifted away to the various platforms which were set at intervals in a long line.

Then came an interruption, more beating of drums, and a procession distinguished by several enormous banners came into view and enjoyed a serpentine march down to the northernmost platform and back to the

southern stand, where the international group was to hold its meeting. This was the display of Lithuania, the latest country to join the League. From a propaganda point of view it put all the other processions into the shade. The others had carried admirable mottoes of general application, such as "Hate breeds hate, therefore let us love," "Where there is no vision the people perish." The League of Nations cost £1,000,000; a Dreadnought cost £9,000,000. But Lithuania was there to be explicit about its nationhood. The girls walked in national costume, the banners went straight to the Lithuanian point: "Lithuania pins her faith to the justice of her cause," "Democratic Lithuania" appealed to "democratic Britain," and so on. It was a very practical demonstration of the work which the League of Nations has to do.

The Chairman at one platform, where the speaker had been silenced while the Lithuanian band blared past, told the story of how representatives of Poland and Lithuania had stated their case before the Council of the League, and how at the end Paderewski had embraced the Lithuanian advocate, exclaiming: "Now we are friends." One heard people in the crowd saying "Where is Lithuania?" just as others were asking later when the Georgian delegate spoke "Where is Georgia?" A good deal of geography was probably learned in Hyde Park.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Montague" arrived at Keelung on Aug. 23 (a.m.), left there on Aug. 24 (noon), and is due at Shanghai on Aug. 26 (6 p.m.).

The N. Y. K. s.s. "Sado Maru" left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on Aug. 23 and is expected here on Sept. 1, and will sail for Europe via Singapore on Sept. 2.

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JUTLAND BATTLE PICTURES.

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Few of those who read that an attempt is to be made, by means of the screen, to explain to this and future generations the various phases of the Battle of Jutland, can have any conception of the vast undertaking to which Sir George Aston and his helpers have set their hands.

Even before work can begin on the film itself weeks have to be spent in making tests, says the *Times*. Minute calculations have been necessary to decide the size of the board on which the ships have to manoeuvre. It was soon proved that any idea of working strictly to proportion and scale was impracticable owing to the great distances covered.

To take in a rectangle 30 ft. by 20 ft. a special scaffolding would have to be erected for the camera, and the models would appear so small as to be scarcely discernible on the screen. Tests were made, and it was decided to use a board 8 ft. square, and, in order to get as large an area as possible in the field of the lens, the camera was set above it at an oblique angle. Gearing was attached to the camera so that it could be turned from the ground. The painting of the board was another difficulty. Sir George Aston insisted that the ships must not be black, as they would look unnatural. Distinct

white is a bad photographic color and the background and both sets ships had to be painted in careful graduated shades of grey. The models used are in three sizes—in for the "close-ups," 2 in. for the "medium shots," and 1 in. for the "long shots." Each ship has to be moved separately, as no apparatus could be devised which would move as many as 70 or 80 ships in different directions in and out and at varying speeds. A model ship can only be moved 1-16 of an inch for each picture.

There are 16 pictures to each foot of film, and to show the formation of the Grand Fleet on its way across the North Sea took 90 ft. of film and necessitated 80,000 separate movements. To show the journey of the German Fleet 60,000 movements were necessary. It is a fascinating experience to follow out Sir George Aston's plans. He has succeeded in working out the course of both Fleets throughout the action, with the result that in many cases in checking the positions of two vessels at a given time and comparing them with the ranges in the gunnery commander's log they have been found to vary only by a few yards. By means of the screen the producers hope that the public will be able for the first time to follow the movements of each individual ship.

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Acting Manager
Hongkong, Nov. 1, 1930.

**THE CHINESE MERCHANTS
BANK, LTD**

HEAD OFFICE:
Alexandra Buildings, Charter Road

General Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
Current Accounts opened and fixed.
Deposits received at rates which may be ascertained on application.
The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

S. C. LAU,
Chief Manager
Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1920.

**BANK OF CANTON
LIMITED
—
HEAD OFFICE
HONGKONG.**

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and
General Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.
2% per annum on the daily credit
balances of over \$100.00.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 Months	3% per annum.
For 6 Months	4% per annum.
For 12 Months	5% per annum.

On demand 2% per annum.
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, May 24, 1921.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE
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RESERVE FUND -- Yen 53,000,000

HEAD OFFICE--YOKOHAMA

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MANILA	NEWYORK
YOKOHAMA	NEWYORK

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RANGOON	RANGOON
RIO DE JANEIRO	RIO DE JANEIRO
SANJO	SANJO
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO
SEATTLE	SEATTLE
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI
SHINGONGGHI	SHINGONGGHI
SINGAPORE	SINGAPORE
SOERABAYA	SOERABAYA
SYDNEY	SYDNEY

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 Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
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 T. NISHIYAMA,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, May 14, 1921.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AFGHANISTAN AND BRITAIN.

HOPES FOR A TREATY NOW VERY SLENDER.

SIMLA, August 25.
The continued stay of the British Mission at Kabul is occasioning many conflicting reports. The opinion is commonly expressed in India that hopes for the conclusion of a treaty are now very slender, but the tribesmen on both sides of the frontier confidently anticipate an early agreement. A newspaper at Kabul announces that a treaty between Afghanistan and the Soviet Government at Moscow was signed on August 18.

FIRE DESTROYS HOBOKEN PIERS.

AMERICAN DEAD FROM FRANCE HASTILY REMOVED.

HOBOKEN, August 25.
Fire destroyed two army store piers, but the damage was slight as the stores had previously been removed. The liner "Leviahan" was scorched. The bodies of 500 American soldiers from France lying on the piers had also to be hastily removed while the liner was towed into midstream undamaged.

GREEK KING ILL.

DOCTORS HASTEN TO HIS SIDE.

ATHENS, August 25.
Two doctors have been dispatched to Eskishehr to attend King Constantine who is suffering from gastric trouble. Yesterday he had vomiting attacks following a fainting fit lasting twenty minutes.

PEACE OR WAR?

DE VALERA'S REPLY DELIVERED TO THE PREMIER.

LONDON, August 25.
Mr. De Valera's reply was delivered at Downing Street at one o'clock this afternoon.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

GENEVA, August 25.
Siam and Uruguay have ratified the protocol to the international court of justice.

DAVIS CUP FINAL.

JAPAN DEFEATS AUSTRALASIA.

NEWPORT RHODE ISLAND, August 25.
In the final of the Davis Cup, Shimidzu (Japan) defeated Anderson (Australasia) 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.

STARVING RUSSIA.

RELIEF COMMISSION TO MEET IN PARIS.

LONDON, August 25.
Reuter learns that a meeting of the Russian relief commission takes place in Paris on August 29 notwithstanding that the United States and Japan have not yet nominated representatives.

CONGRESS IN RECESS.

DYE EMBARGO AND AGRICULTURAL CREDITS.

WASHINGTON, August 25.
Congress has gone into recess until September 21. The House of Representatives passed a bill continuing the dye embargo for three months. The Senate adopted the agricultural credits bill. Both of these bills were sent to the President.

"MAURETANIA" TO BECOME AN OIL BURNER.

LONDON, August 25.
The "Mauretania" is shortly being docked at the Tyne for the purpose of being converted into an oil-burner.

L. O. N. MEETING.

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES.

PARIS, August 23.
Messrs. Bourgeois, Viviani, and Hanotaux are to represent France at the meeting of the League of Nations at Geneva on September 5.

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LONDON SERVICE

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"CALCHAS" 4th Sept. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp
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"ELPENOR" 24th Sept. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"GLAUCUS" 4th Oct. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(Direct or via Continental Ports)
"NINGCHOW" 10th Sept. Genoa, Marseilles & Liverpool
"THESEUS" 24th Oct. Marseilles, Havre & Liverpool
"EUMAEUS" 7th Oct. Genoa, Marseilles & Liverpool
"TELEMACHUS" 13th Oct. Rotterdam & Liverpool

PACIFIC SERVICE

(via Kobe and Yokohama)
"TALITHYBIUS" 14th Sept. Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver
"TYNDAREUS" 5th Oct.
"PROTESILAUS" 2nd Nov.

NEW-YORK SERVICE

(via Suez or Panama) 2nd Sept. via Suez

PASSENGER SERVICE

"PYRRHUS" 3rd Sept. for Shanghai Kobe & Yama
"ASCANIUS" 7th Sept. for Singapore & Liverpool
"PYRRHUS" 11th Oct. for Singapore & London

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Telegraphic Communication with Wagon Lighthouse is interrupted.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

From Per Times
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26.
Shanghai Shantung
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28.
Shanghai Soohow
Shanghai Sinkiang
Shanghai Manila
MONDAY, AUGUST 29.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai Empire State
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai Keystone State
Straits Dilwara

OUTWARD MAILS.

For Per Times
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26.
Java via Soerabaya, *Sumatra, *Bangkok, *Siam, *Manila, *L. Marques, *South Africa, *Egypt, India via Dhahabkodi, & *EUROPE via SEU. Tientsin Miao 4 p.m.
Samsai and Wuchow Kwong Yung 4 p.m.
Samsai, *Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhahabkodi, Bombay and ADEN. Ganges Maru 5 p.m.
Hohow and Haiphong Asia 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27.
Sandakan Tientsin 10 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Dairen, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, *United States, *Central & *South America & *EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 10.31 a.m. Sifaria Maru 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung Amakusa Maru 2 p.m.
Straits and *Bangkok Van Cloon 2 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung Kyojo Maru 9 a.m.
*Swatow, *Straits and *Bangkok Chihwa 9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China Saiyang 9 a.m.
MONDAY, AUGUST 29.
Sandakan, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. Victoria
Straits, *Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhahabkodi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. Manila
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Saturday, the 27th Aug., at 9 a.m.
*Swatow, Amoy, *Straits and *Bangkok Tean 11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China Shantung 2 p.m.
Swatow Hydrangea 3.30 p.m.
Hohow and Haiphong Takasago 5 p.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China Kwonggang 5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China Chongking 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30.
*Swatow and *Bangkok Chongking 9 a.m.
*Swatow and Bangkok Cheong 9 a.m.
*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

WEATHER REPORT.

Aug. 25d. 11h. 47m.—Pressure changes since yesterday are small at all reporting stations. A shallow depression is still shown over S.W. China.
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 7.31 inch. Total since January 1st, 77.19 inches, against an average of 84.00 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on August 27th.

1.—Hongkong. 2.—Ger. Rock. S.E. or variable winds, light to moderate; fair.
3.—Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Yokozaki and Lamook. The same as No. 1.
5.—South coast of China between Lamook and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG. DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

AUGUST 25, 1921.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Victoria	5 a.m.	29.81	81	85	W	1	b
Yokohama	5 a.m.	29.85	81	85	W	1	b
Shanghai	5 a.m.	29.78	77	92	W	1	b
Amoy	5 a.m.	29.78	77	92	W	1	b
Swatow	5 a.m.	29.78	77	92	W	1	b
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